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## Compliance key part of managing pandemic

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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AGAWAM – The coronavirus pandemic has continued to be a difficult undertaking for the Town of Agawam.

It has put departments like Health and Inspection Services in the limelight as the restrictions continue to remain in effect until there is a vaccine or a better way of treating the virus.

Health Director Kathleen Auer and Sanitation Officer Michael Theroux have been hard-at-work working with other departments and patrolling the town to make sure people are adhering to social distancing, proper dining practices and face covering.

Auer says some of the most challenging parts of managing the pandemic in town is the simple need for people to "get out."

People are really grateful to get out and recreate, myself included," said Auer. "However, parties, dance recitals, sporting events all

must be avoided or modified to protect the participants. Along with studying all of the guidance that comes out almost every day, I have had to research and educate myself regarding lots of different sectors. We have advised numerous manufacturers, personal care providers, car dealerships, fitness centers and the list goes on."

Auer also admitted that there have been some areas that she had to do some research on.

"One personal challenge for me is that I never participated in team sports and know very little about them," she said. "When I am conversing with lifelong coaches as they develop their plans, I will admit I feel like a bit of an idiot. 'Is there a difference between a baseman and an infielder?' 'Do field hockey players get close to each other?' Fortunately, Mayor Sapelli and Park and Rec Director Chris Sparks have been my 'phone a friend' contacts."

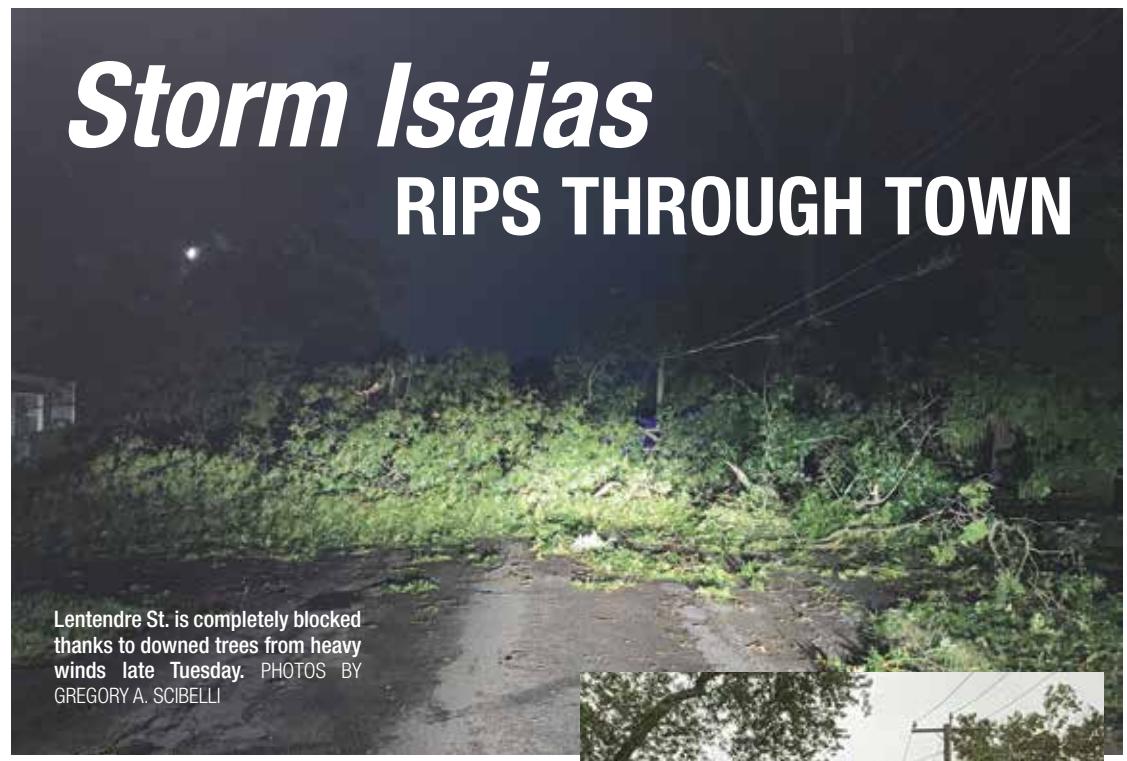
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### Car hits grocery store



The Agawam Police Department responds to an accident last Wednesday afternoon at Stop & Shop in Feeding Hills. A car backed into the entrance being used at the store. Agawam Police Lieutenant Dan Bonafilia said a car crashed into the entrance of the supermarket. The car hit a 59-year-old woman and a 54-year-old woman and caused significant damage to the entrance of the store. The two women were sent to a nearby hospital. PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

## Storm Isaias RIPS THROUGH TOWN



By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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AGAWAM – Very quickly, Storm Isaias left a wake of downed trees, blockades, and power outages throughout town.

On Tuesday afternoon, a few hours of heavy rains followed by lengthy wind gusts happened throughout town. While there were no tornadoes that touched down in town, as of press time, the damage was so widespread, public safety had to tackle the various incidents a few at a time. Among the blockages from downed trees were Silver Street, Suffield Street, Lentendre Street, and North Street Ext.

There were also reports of downed power lines and damage from the heavy winds that gusted in excess of 40 miles per hour or more.

There was also difficulty among the several restaurants offering outdoor dining as the winds caused damage to the large tents, tables and chairs.

Power either flickered or went completely out for some residents for several hours. And throughout town, there was debris in the road and in yards from simple branches and leaves that fell.



Vehicles are at an impasse as they cannot get past large, downed branches on Silver Street.

## Additional dates confirmed for COVID testing

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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AGAWAM – Following a massive amount of interest in free COVID-19 testing, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts partnered with the Town of Agawam to provide three more dates.

Tapestry Health Care was the administering firm for the first set of tests held on Aug. 5 and 6.

Now, Transformative Health Care will be coming to town on Friday, Aug. 7, Saturday, Aug. 8, and Friday, Aug. 14.

They will have seven hours on each date available for testing due to the massive demand for appointments. These will be "drive-thru" testing and like the first set of testing dates, they are open to all residents of Massachusetts and you need not have

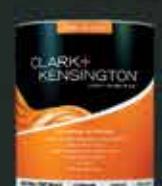
any COVID-19 symptoms to get a test. Tests will also be free of charge.

No appointments will be needed for these additional days.

Although Agawam currently has very few positive cases, this program will encourage the testing of asymptomatic individuals in our communities and provide a

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## ARREST LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 432 calls for service from July 27 to Aug. 2 and recorded the following arrests. No arrests in the public log have been omitted. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty.

## Wednesday, July 29

Christopher B. Prefontaine, 39, of 74 Kathy Terrace, Agawam, was arrested at 9:20 p.m. for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, a number plate violation, operating after registration was revoked, operating an uninsured and unregistered motor vehicle.

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## Velis supports legislative session extension

BOSTON — On Thursday, the Massachusetts State Senate and the House of Representatives came to an agreement to continue formal legislative sessions through the end of the year. With the heightened needs brought forth by the COVID-19 pandemic, this extension will allow for the legislature to continue working on major legislation to bring relief to the Commonwealth.

“Over these last few months the needs of Massachusetts residents have greatly changed due to COVID-19. It is our duty as elected officials to ensure we are responding to these changes, and I believe it is crucial that we extend the session to continue our work,” said Senator John Velis. “During this unprecedented public health crisis, which has impacted ev-

ery single person in Massachusetts, the typical summer break of the legislature is completely unimportant. We have accomplished a lot this session, but there is more work to do, and I’m glad we will be continuing that work to meet the needs of our constituents.”

Normally the legislature meets in informal sessions from August through December during the second year of their two-year session. The session end date of July 31, which is set through Joint Rule 12A, is meant to prevent political pressures in policy making due to an associated election season. When asked about the expansion of session during a time when legislators are typically focused on campaigning, Senator Velis emphasized that campaigning is far less important than the circumstances

that many in the Commonwealth are experiencing.

“In June, Massachusetts was reported to have the highest unemployment rate out of any other state. While we are fortunate to see a decrease in the number of COVID cases in Massachusetts, it is absolutely critical that we as a legislative body continue to be in formal sessions to help Massachusetts get back on its feet,” explained Velis. “Being on the campaign trail falls to a far second when we can be in Boston working to create needed solutions. I have said it before and I will say it again, I did not get elected to be a candidate; I got elected to be a State Senator, and that is exactly what I will be doing until the end of the year.”

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Auer said she has been very busy each day with various compliance checks, which also includes investigating various complaints.

“Michael and I are out in the community every day,” said Auer. “We receive reports of non-compliance and emails directly from the public and also receive complaints re-directed from the Attorney General’s Office and the Department of Labor Standards.”

She said Building Inspector Bill Scott has been helping out with some of the complaints, and has been especially helpful with the outdoor dining concept that several businesses have taken advantage of to increase their capacity while indoor capacities are limited. Outdoor dining will be allowed until Nov. 1.

She also said the Agawam Police

Department has been needed in order to shut certain operations down.

“The police have assisted us on several occasions when we are required to serve a Cease and Desist Order,” said Auer. “Tempers can flare as so many of the businesses are feeling the squeeze from public pressure to provide services and the loss of income.”

“It is amazing how well-behaved people can be when there is one or more officers present. As a supervisor it falls within my responsibility to make sure that myself and my staff members are safe when carrying out our duties. We are grateful that the Agawam Police Department has been there to support and protect us.”

And in the end, it all comes down to compliance.

“I think we can all agree that wearing a face covering and remembering to social distance are very difficult,”

said Auer. “The majority of residents have been very compliant but there are a few that strongly object to wearing a face covering. Regardless of their reasons, it is required and it is the right thing to do. Even though the message is everywhere I continue to see group photos of sporting events and other groups in the newspaper and on social media where people are clustered together and not wearing a face cover.”

She said it is important for adults to set a good example for young people.

“Parents, coaches, teachers and other role models for the younger residents need to be firm in these requirements and set a good example,” said Auer. “I find that very frustrating to witness non-compliance after all of the public education that has been done.”

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Donalyn Gross, of Longmeadow, created the Western Massachusetts Crafters Directory to link clients with the favorite crafters this summer and fall. Pictured here are samples of her pecan and maple walnut syrup toppings. COURTESY PHOTO

## Crafting remotely

*With craft fairs canceled, creators go online*

By Dalton Zbierski  
Staff Writer

REGION – In similar fashion to most every gathering, craft fairs across the state are being cancelled or postponed because of COVID-19. To prevent losses and ensure that all crafters are able to sell their products, a local woman has created a potential solution.

Donalyn Gross, of Longmeadow, created the Western Massachusetts Crafters Directory to link clients with the favorite crafters this summer and fall. The directory currently lists the contact information for more than 200 crafters and is steadily growing.

"Over the years, I collected everybody's business cards and told them to send me a list of all the fairs they know. Now, I put them together, made a list and sent it out to everybody," said Gross.

Crafters must pay an annual fee of \$10 to be added to the directory, and public access is entirely free. Gross, an avid craft fair participant for the past two decades, sells maple pecan and maple walnut syrup toppings and typically attends a dozen craft fairs each autumn.

From September to December, traditional weekend craft fairs are prevalent all throughout the region. This fall, the tradition will likely be broken, but Gross is cautiously optimistic that her directory will make a difference.

"This year with the virus, I'm nervous about what will happen with the fall fairs. It's our busy season," she said. "What happens if there aren't any fairs? We want people to be able to get a copy of this directory and say, 'Oh, here's that person that I've bought stuff from before, and here's the contact information.' They can contact the crafters directly."

Gross noted that many crafters are small business owners and rely on the income gained during craft fairs each fall. She also pointed out that many of the products have already been created and are ready for sale.

"When you're stuck in the house during the pandemic, what are you going to do? You're going to make more stuff," said Gross. "There are hundreds of people who do their Christmas shopping and holiday shopping at these fairs. We all have tons and tons of merchandise. I have 14 cases of jars in my living room right now."

Emphasizing that crafters do not want to lose their customers, Gross reiterated that items can be picked up as soon as tomorrow. In addition to the crafters' contact information and locations, her directory lists product descriptions and times of availability.

"I want to get this out to the public as much as I can. I'm telling people, 'Email me, and I will send it to you right away.' For crafters who want to get on the list, email me, and I'll give you the information," she said.

While the directory is not yet online, Gross will be receptive to assistance in the endeavor. She admits that she is not a computer person but does realize the benefits of a potential website and will accept the help of someone willing to give it.

Gross can be contacted at [Goodendings@hotmail.com](mailto:Goodendings@hotmail.com).

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valuable service to travelers and college students who may need to be tested.

According to a press release from the Agawam Health Department, a designated phone line for the testing agency that will be present on the additional dates has been set up to answer questions. Please call 617-745-2182. The testing location will once again be Agawam Junior High School, located 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. The hours of testing will be 12 noon to 7 p.m. on each of the dates.

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## Boldyga supports jobs creation bill

BOSTON – State Representative Nicholas Boldyga (R-Southwick) supported a multi-million dollar economic development bill designed to stimulate job growth and provide additional support to cities, towns and businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. House Bill 4879, An Act enabling partnerships for growth, was engrossed by the House of Representatives on a vote of 156-3 on July 28 following two days of debate. The bill is a redrafted version of legislation that was originally filed by Governor Charlie Baker on March 4.

In addition to authorizing \$456 million in bond funding to support housing production, workforce training initiatives, climate resiliency, small businesses, cultural organizations, House Bill 4879 puts forth a number of policy initiatives, including legalized sports betting in Massachusetts and additional protective guidelines governing evictions during COVID-19. The bill also contains local zoning reform language originally included in Governor Baker's Housing Choice legislation to help address the state's affordable housing shortage. Representative Boldyga said House Bill 4879 sanctions betting on both professional and college sporting events by individuals 21 and older.

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission would regulate and license operators to accept wagers, including the state's casinos, racetracks, and fantasy sports companies such as DraftKings. Wagers can be placed in-person or online, but racetracks will be limited to in-person betting. Under the House proposal, qualified gaming entities would pay a \$250,000 application fee for an operator license, which can be extended every five years for a \$100,000 renewal fee, provided they continue to meet all licensing requirements. Operators' sports betting income would be subject to a 15% excise tax, which is expected to provide the state with an additional \$50 million in annual revenues. Local restaurants impacted by the 2019 novel coronavirus stand to benefit from the revenues generated by sports betting.

The House bill would set aside 30% of these revenues for a new Distressed Restaurant Trust Fund, or about \$15 million a year based on projections. This fund would provide one-time grants of up to \$15,000 to help cover payroll expenses, rent and mortgage, insurance costs, past due payments for supplies, goods or services, and the procurement of personal protective equipment.

Representative Boldyga supported an amendment allowing restaurants to delay submitting their meals tax revenues for the remainder of the year without penalties or interest, and capping at 15% of the total purchase price the

fees third-party delivery services can charge restaurants for online orders. The amendment allows for meals taxes collected between August 1 and October 31 to be paid by November 20, and meals taxes collected in November and December to be paid by January 20, 2021. It also keeps the delivery fee cap in place until 45 days after the COVID-19 State of Emergency is lifted. House Bill 4879 builds on prior restaurant relief measures approved by the Legislature.

Representative Boldyga previously supported legislation allowing restaurants to offer beer and wine with food takeout orders, and recently supported expanding these takeout options to include mixed drinks. The state's lack of affordable housing is also addressed in the House bill. Between 1960 and 1990, housing production in Massachusetts averaged 900,000 units annually, but since 1990, that number has fallen dramatically, to an average of 430,000 units. To encourage more housing development, House Bill 4879 contains language lowering the threshold for certain local zoning changes from a two-thirds vote to a simple majority. This includes zoning for smart growth zoning districts, mixed-use housing, multi-family housing, and transit-oriented development situated near rapid transit, commuter rail, and bus and ferry terminals.

To help protect renters and homeowners, Governor Baker recently extended the statewide moratorium on evictions and foreclosures, which was due to expire on August 18, but will now run through October 17. House Bill 4879 makes additional changes to the state's eviction laws by requiring the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development to develop a standard notice of eviction rights and responsibilities form for tenants facing eviction.

The bill also requires pre-eviction mediation to take place before an eviction hearing, and prohibits such hearings from proceeding unless the court determines the tenant and landlord have made a good faith effort to come to a resolution in a pre-eviction mediation. Tenants can prevent the termination of their tenancy by paying the landlord all of the rent that is due including interest and cost of action. House Bill 4879 would also: • increase the annual cap on the Housing Development Incentive Program from \$10 million to \$30 million to encourage more multi-unit, market-rate housing; • allow for the establishment of Tourism Destination Marketing Districts; and • create a special legislative commission to make recommendations on addressing the recovery of the state's cultural and creative sector, including the arts, humanities and sciences. House Bill 4879 now moves to the Senate for its consideration.

## Services increasing at Agawam Public Library

AGAWAM – The Agawam Library re-opened its doors to the public with limited services on July 13. Since then, we are pleased to say that we have welcomed back over 1000 patrons. In June, we circulated 2,763 items via our curbside pick-up service. During that time, we quickly learned how to shift our focus to provide our patrons with the things they missed most during the Stay-at-Home Order-Books. Now that we are open by appointment and our patrons are coming through our doors, our numbers are growing with almost 8,000 items being checked out in the month of July.

We are incredibly grateful to be providing services to our community once again. From the familiar faces checking out the bestsellers, to the children coming in to stock up on books for summer reading, to our regular computer users; it is good to see you all. We look forward

to moving ahead in the safest way we can to maintain these important services. The safety of our staff and our patrons continues to be our biggest priority. We thank you all for your support over the past several months.

### Summer Reading Challenge Continues

There's still time to participate in the Adult Summer Reading Challenge! We have had a great response to our new online summer reading program. Beanstack is easy to use and participants are enjoying our virtual programs too. Visit our website for information about how to register and play along. The challenges are easy and for each challenge completed, patrons are entered into a raffle. The winning continues until Friday, August 14th. Twenty lucky players will win \$25 gift cards to a local business. Follow the link for more information about this year's program. [www.agawamlibrary.org/adults](http://www.agawamlibrary.org/adults)

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Holy Spirit, You who made me see everything and showed me the way to reach my ideal. You, who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and you, who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue want to thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from you no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. Amen. Thank you for your love towards me and my loved ones. Persons must pray the prayer three consecutive days without asking your wish. After third day wish will be granted no matter how difficult it may be. The promise to publish this dialogue as soon as this favor is granted. I will never stop trusting God and His power.

J.G.

# Opinion

## OUR VIEW

### Can I get a widow's benefit if I'm on disability?

By Russell Gloor  
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: I was recently approved for my Social Security disability benefits. Will I still be able to get my widow's benefits when I turn 60, which is right around the corner? Or do I lose those because I am disabled? Signed: An Uncertain Widow

Dear Uncertain Widow: You will not lose your survivor (widow's) benefits because you are now collecting Social Security Disability Insurance benefits. You can get the survivor benefit if it is more than your SSDI benefit and provided that you did not remarry before age 60 (and remain married). If you are entitled to and claim a survivor benefit while on SSDI, it will come as a separate supplemental payment which, along with your SSDI benefit, equals the amount you are due as a widow.

If you are now on SSDI you can actually take your survivor benefit before age 60 because survivor benefits can be taken as early as age 50 if you are disabled. But claimed at age 60 or earlier, the survivor benefit will be reduced by 28.5% from what it would be if you wait until your full retirement age (FRA) of 67 to claim it. If you are collecting both SSDI and the survivor supplement when you reach your full retirement age, it will automatically convert to one payment equal to what you're entitled to as a survivor (SSDI benefits stop at full retirement age).

It would be prudent for you to evaluate whether you should continue with your SSDI benefits only for a while and allow your survivor benefit to grow to a higher amount. At age 67, your survivor benefit as a widow will be 100% of the amount your deceased husband was receiving, or entitled to receive, at his death. But claiming it before your full retirement age will mean it will be cut by 4.75% for each year earlier than your FRA that you claim it. You can find out your full survivor benefit amount by contacting Social Security.

Your survivor benefit will reach maximum at your full retirement age, and it does not expire so you can delay up to age 67 to claim if you wish (to get the maximum amount as a widow). But if your financial situation is such that you need the reduced survivor benefit earlier, and your benefit as a widow is more than your SSDI benefit, you can claim it at any time. Survivor benefits must be applied for directly with the Social Security Administration, which you can reach by phone at 1.800.772.1213, or at your local office (find the phone number for your local office at [www.ssa.gov/locator](http://www.ssa.gov/locator)). Note that all Social Security offices are temporarily closed to in-person visits by the public, so telephone is your only current option to apply for your survivor benefit, until after the pandemic closure is lifted.

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### Letters to the Editor

#### ARTC endorses Boldyga

##### Dear Editor,

The Agawam Republican Town Committee enthusiastically endorses State Representative Nick Boldyga for re-election on Nov. 3. Representative Boldyga's conservative voice is needed now more than ever in the State House. While opposing tax increases such as Massachusetts House Bill H: 4508, Representative Boldyga has still been able to deliver to our district much needed funds such as grants for Electric Vehicle Charging

Stations, \$25,000 for accessibility upgrades to the Junior High School, \$90,000 for Gear Grants for our Fire Department, \$90,000 for an emergency generator as well as monies from the Safe Routes to School Funding Project \$153,000, via the Gateways Housing Rehabilitation Program and \$550,000 through the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Representative Boldyga works everyday representing his constituents and making certain

that Agawam's citizens have a strong voice on Beacon Hill. It is with great enthusiasm that the Agawam Republican Town Committee supports Representative Boldyga's re-election and asks that Agawam voters return Representative Nicholas "Nick" Boldyga to Boston in the primary election on September 1, 2020, and the general election November 4, 2020.

Respectfully,  
**The Agawam Republican Town Committee**

#### Vote for Nick Boldyga in Republican Primary

##### Dear Editor,

As a business owner, City Councilor Vice President and President of the Massachusetts Municipal Association I know that we have one of the best State Representatives around. Nick Boldyga is always at a meeting or on a call working for Agawam. Over the last few years it's easy to see the impact that Nick has had in Agawam. Nick secured funding to renovate our Veter-

ans' Green and War Memorials, a new Emergency Generator for the Jr. High School, and funds to update the security of our school buildings. One of the biggest victories for Agawam was recently when Nick worked with his colleagues, the Lt. Gov. and Gov. Office's to get the funding to accelerate the Morgan-Sullivan Bridge Project that will finish almost a year early now. Just this past week Nick represented Agawam

by being part of the Legislature that protected much-needed local aide to cities and towns in order to fund our schools and vital services in these difficult times. There's no doubt this is an impressive list of accomplishments for Agawam. We have a great State Rep. Join me and let's vote to re-elect Nick Boldyga.

**Cecilia P. Calabrese,**  
Business Owner, Vice President Agawam City Council

#### Nick Boldyga deserves our vote!

As a business owner and city councilor in Agawam, I've seen first-hand how hard Nick Boldyga works as our State Representative. He's always available for a question or a phone call, I regularly see him at events in town. But all anyone has to do is look around to see what Nick

has accomplished. Main Street was completely renovated and improved, The Rt. 57 Rotary, The Feeding Hills Intersection, School St. Park, and a completely renovated Agawam Jr. High School Auditorium are just a few of the projects that Nick was able to get funding for as our State

Rep. I ask you to join me in voting to re-elect Nick Boldyga as our State Rep.

Thanks,  
**Mario Tedeschi**  
Agawam Business owner and City Councilor

#### Support remote learning, in-school learning not safe

##### Dear Editor,

At Baystate Hospital this past July, one single person ignored quarantine procedure and 23 people wound up infected with COVID-19. This was a trained medical professional. If we can't even trust the most highly qualified adults to follow proper safety protocol during this pandemic, how can we possibly depend on a building full of children to do

so? Have you ever tried forcing a child to wear something they don't want to wear? Have you ever seen how thoroughly a child washes their hands? Relying on children to comply with social distancing and mask regulations is extraordinarily dangerous.

Reopening schools is not just endangering staff and students; if a child brings the virus home, their parents will be exposing

their coworkers, grocery store workers, gas station workers, family, and putting an additional burden on already exhausted healthcare workers. "Essential" does not mean "expendable", it means the opposite. Educational setbacks are uncomfortable, but they can be overcome. Death cannot. Save lives, support remote learning.

**Connor Kelley**

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# WSU, HCC team up on biotech program

WESTFIELD — Westfield State University and Holyoke Community College (HCC) have partnered to create an affordable pathway for students who earn an associate degree in biotechnology from HCC to transfer credits and pursue a bachelor's degree from Westfield State University.

The transfer agreement benefits students by providing an affordable option to enroll at HCC for two years and take high-level science courses that can be applied at Westfield State. With the agreement in place, students will experience a smooth transfer process between the two schools.

"Westfield State University is honored to continue our long relationship with Holyoke Community College, this time providing a bridge between an associate degree in biotechnology and the career that community college students want to pursue," said Roy H. Saigo, Ph.D., interim president of Westfield State University. "This partnership also underscores the Westfield State's commitment to facilitating accessible and affordable degree options for everyone, regardless of background."

Under the articulation agreement, students will receive credit from Westfield State for program-related courses completed at HCC. They can apply those credits toward the requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree in biology, with a concentration in biotechnology at Westfield State.

"We are proud of our partnership with Westfield State University that allows students to earn their associate's degree at Holyoke Community College and transfer seamlessly to Westfield State to earn their bachelor's degree and beyond," said HCC President Christina Royal, Ph.D. "Programs like these offer affordable pathways for students to begin their careers with less debt and enter the next phase of their lives as leaders in the medical and science fields."

Continued growth in biotechnology and medical research is expected to increase demand for these workers, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. In addition, MassBioEd reports that nearly 12,000 jobs are forecast to be created through May 2023.

"Massachusetts has one of the highest concentrations of biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies in the world and a degree in biotech typically translates to careers with competitive salaries and opportunities for advancement," said Emily Rabinsky, Ph.D., biotechnology program coordinator and professor of biology at HCC. "Furthermore, it provides students with career opportunities in which they can play a role in positively impacting others' lives."

HCC offers an associate degree in arts and science with a concentration in biotechnology. In 2018, the college opened a 13,000-square-foot Center for Life Sciences that features a dedicated biotechnology lab and instructional cleanroom like those used in the biotechnology industry.

"During a time when molecular and cellular biology is of the utmost importance, Westfield State's biotechnology program provides students with the content knowledge and skills to be prepared for any career in the biotechnology field—including vaccine development, genetic engineering, and biofuels," said Jennifer Hanselman, Ph.D., dean of the University's College of Mathematics and Sciences.

She added: "HCC provides a quality foundation in sciences and mathematics, allowing students to make a seamless transition into Westfield State's program. Housed within our Biology Department, the biotechnology program supports the shift from 'student to scientist' through individualized mentoring, research, and internship opportunities."



HCC's biotech program coordinator Emily Rabinsky leads a biotechnology class in HCC's Center for Life Sciences. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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# APL announces adult programs

Folk & Fairy Tale Bingo for Adults (via Zoom) with the APL, Monday, August 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm:

Library swag bags are up for grabs with our virtual Folk & Fairy Tale Bingo. This event is for adults 18 or older and we will be calling 3 games. You can make copies of your card or use some sort of removable markers like pennies. You will need to pick up your bingo card at the library. Please call after 1 p.m. beginning Aug. 3, to arrange a visit or curbside pick-up.

Registration must include a valid email, as a link will be sent the day of the event. Zoom must be downloaded to your device ahead of time. Please call the Agawam Library (413) 789-1550 or visit [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org) to register.

The Adult Summer Reading Challenge - Imagine Your Story and this event is sponsored by one or more of the following. Agawam Center Library Association, Agawam Cultural Council, MA Cultural Council, MA Library System, Boston Bruins, MA Board of Library Commissioners and CSLP.

Virtual ChairFit Class Agawam, MA, Wednesday, August 12, 2020 from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm:

Mary Ellen More is offering a virtual beginner's ChairFit class that will be available via a link on the Agawam Library website, [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org). Click on the calendar of events to locate the link to the video! Give it a try. Call 789-1550 x4 with any questions.

## Virtual run steps off in support of children

SPRINGFIELD – At a time when many people are seeking fun, new ways to stay in touch with friends and family and stay active, the Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation announced its first ever Dunkin' JOY Run.

The virtual program steps off Saturday, Aug. 1 and invites Dunkin' fans across Western Massachusetts to run or walk throughout the month of August. All funds raised for the Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation through the Dunkin' JOY Run will be directed to health and hunger organizations supporting children in underserved communities.

Runners and walkers can register to participate in the Dunkin' JOY Run at [www.bringjoy.org](http://www.bringjoy.org). Participants who register at the Dunkin' Runner level will receive a Dunkin' JOY Run T-shirt, as well as the opportunity to see their picture displayed on one of Dunkin's hometown billboards in Boston this year. All registrants will receive digital photo filters and gifs so they can share their progress on social media during the month.

Dunkin' JOY Run participants can fundraise to support

the Foundation and receive incentives for their fundraising achievements, with no minimum fundraising requirement to participate. Participants can create a personal fundraising page and fundraise as individuals, join a team, or start a team. As they hit fundraising levels, participants will become eligible to receive Dunkin' shoelaces, hats, coffee mugs and sweatshirts – with the top fundraising individual receiving free coffee for a year donated by Dunkin'.

"While Western Mass. runs on Dunkin', this virtual race is a fun way to keep our community runnin' for a good cause," said Dunkin' franchise owner Peter Martins. "This year has been unlike any other and has only strengthened our commitment to the communities and families we serve. We're looking forward to getting out there and running to raise funds for health and hunger relief for children in underserved communities."

To learn more about the Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation, and find additional details about the Dunkin' JOY Run, visit [www.bringjoy.org](http://www.bringjoy.org).

## Obituary

### Death Notice:

#### Grasse, Sondra Jo

Died: July 20, 2020

#### Sondra Jo Grasse

Sondra Grasse passed peacefully at Noble Hospital on July 20 with her family by her side. She was born April 6, 1957 in Bellflower Ca. She is dearly missed by her husband of 42 years Donald Grasse and son Richard Grasse.



Sondra grew up in Anaheim, CA and has lived in Southwick, MA for the last 23 years. Always a naturally talented artist and all-around creative person, she leaves behind a wealth of creations from tole paintings and ornate birdhouses to wall murals. She had a smile that lit up our lives especially while tending to her gardens. Her knowledge of all the plants and flowers in the yard will be sorely missed.

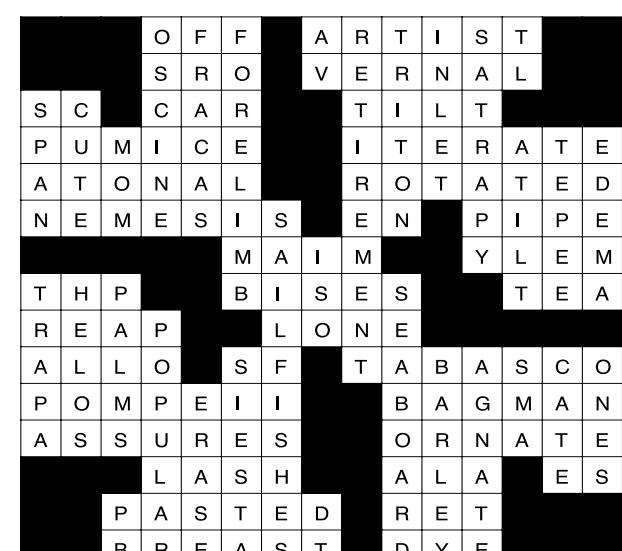
Sondra is predeceased by her parents Laverne and Marge Adle and her brother Randy Adle.

Besides her husband Don And son Richard, Sondra also leaves behind her brother Dan Adle and his wife Donna of Henderson, Nevada, and sister Vickie Thorn and her husband Joe of Las Vegas, Nevada. She also leaves nieces and nephews including Caitlin Forsyth, Vince Thorn, Debbie Adle, Tim Adle, Rebecca Bartling, Alice Kleinhans, Casey Brown, Claire Inbody, and Colleen Cooley.

## Rick's Place to offer free grief support

WILBRAHAM – Children and families who have experienced the loss of a loved one are invited to participate in virtual peer groups to take place in late August, facilitated by the nonprofit Rick's Place. The peer groups are designed for children, teens and their caregivers.

Rick's Place, named for Rick Thorpe, a Wilbraham native and Minnechaug Regional High School graduate who died in the Tower Two collapse of the World Trade Center on 9/11, offers peer-supported bereavement services for children who have experienced death. For more information or to schedule a virtual intake meeting, visit [ricksplacema.org](http://ricksplacema.org) or call 413-279-2010.



## Governor issues new travel order for residents, visitors

BOSTON – Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker issued a new order mandating all travelers from coronavirus hot spots entering the commonwealth to fill out a Massachusetts travel form and quarantine for 14 days. The order took effect Saturday, Aug. 1.

All travelers entering the commonwealth will be required to comply with a new travel order unless they are coming from a low risk COVID-19 state or are able to produce a negative test result no more than 72 hours prior to their arrival in Massachusetts. Other exemptions include people passing through the state, those commuting across state lines for work, people traveling to Massachusetts for medical treatment, people complying with military orders, or those traveling to work in federally designated critical infrastructure sectors (essential services).

The travel order and other information is available at [www.mass.gov/MATraveler](http://www.mass.gov/MATraveler).

Individuals who get a test must remain in quarantine until they receive their negative test results. Failure to comply may result in a \$500 fine per day.

Based on current public health data, those lower risk states include New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Maine, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire and Hawaii. The list of lower risk states is subject to change based on public health data and states may be added or taken off the list at any time.

Prior to travel, people should visit [www.mass.gov/MATraveler](http://www.mass.gov/MATraveler) to fill out the "Massachusetts Travel Form" or text "MATraveler" to 888-777.

## Virtual walk to help NAMI set for Aug. 23

AGAWAM – The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Western Massachusetts will be holding its 20th Annual Walkathon Virtual Celebration, 'A Journey of Hope and Recovery on Aug. 23, starting at 11 a.m.

The event is suitable for all ages and abilities and will directly benefit NAMI Western Massachusetts continuing efforts to help improve the lives of those individuals living with mental health conditions and their families.

NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization. NAMI provides advocacy, education, support and public awareness so that all individuals and families affected by mental

illness can Build Better Lives.

Folks may help NAMI-WM's mission by participating in this Virtual Walk or by sponsoring the event. Anyone who would like to submit a brief video saying how NAMI-WM has helped them or a loved one or how they maintain good mental health during these difficult times, these would be most appreciated. Videos should be two minutes or less, and the deadline is Aug. 7. All entries should be emailed to [information@namiwm.org](mailto:information@namiwm.org).

For further information, contact NAMI's office at 413-786-9139 or visit [www.namiwm.org/events](http://www.namiwm.org/events) for entry and sponsorship forms.

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# SPORTS

## HIGH SCHOOL

### TMC votes to keep wrestling sectional tournament

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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REGION – While the region is in for more delays of high school sports action, the MIAA's Tournament Management Committee is continuing its work to prepare for the 2021 fall season under what will be new tournament formats and divisional alignments.

In late February, a majority of the member schools in Massachusetts voted in favor of eliminating the sectional tournament and switching to a statewide tournament that would include 32 teams as well as the possibility of playing to qualify if a school finishes with a record of .500 or above.

The move was very unpopular with many Western Massachusetts schools because of the vast diversity in the area, hence the use of the Walker Rating system

that has been used to determine tournament seeds in many team sports such as soccer, basketball, field hockey, hockey, baseball, softball, and lacrosse. Central Mass. has also used to the system in some tournaments.

The ranking system was supposed to switch over MaxPreps for this fall and would have been used to rank the final Western Mass. tournaments. MaxPreps has a proprietary ranking system not revealed publicly, but the MIAA has opted to delay its use for now.

However, now, it is unclear whether a fall season or a tournament will take place in the final year to have sectional tournaments through the MIAA.

The Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Association has discussed holding its own sectionals once the state switches over, but the COVID-19 pandemic



Alignments for the new statewide tournaments were held at a TMC meeting on July 28. FILE PHOTOS



Wrestling will be one sport that will get to keep its sectional tournament sanctioned by the MIAA.

has caused planning for that to be put on "the back burner" according to PVIAC Board member David Stratton, athletic director at Agawam High School.

The PVIAC and other governing boards are looking at the current situation and working on just getting players back on fields safely and following proper safety protocols while the pandemic still exists.

Meanwhile, the TMC began the process of approving some alignments. The first, which was approved at a meeting last Tuesday, was the alignments for wres-

tling.

Wrestling has always been an individual sport with teams scoring points at the major meets. By a 10-2-1 vote, the TMC approved continuing with a sectional tournament as a means of qualifying for the state tournament. Wrestling will not be using a statewide tournament format initially and will remain with a sectional tournament in order for an individual grappler to get to the state tournament. The current format includes having a sectional, followed by a divisional state tournament, an all-state tournament,

and then a New England Tournament.

A number of football committee members proposed new alignments for their sport. Their initial proposal was defeated 4-8-2 and will be revisited at another time.

The board also discussed how football would be handled with the delay in sports to Sept. 14. It would wipe out the first four weeks of football season. The issue will be discussed at the next meeting, set for Tuesday, Aug. 18 at 10 a.m. The meeting will be virtual.

## RACING

### Buffone tops in street stock event

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Open-wheel ace Brian Robie (Sunapee, NH) won the NHSTRA Modified main event Saturday, August 1, at Monadnock Speedway, while second-generation star D.J. Shaw topped the Granite State Pro Stock Series 100-lapper.

Chris Buffone (Belchertown, MA) scored his first Street Stock victory Saturday, and Superman Aaron Fellows (Croydon, NH) stayed undefeated on the year by winning his seventh consecutive Late Model Sportsman fea-

ture race. Ed Gilman topped the night's Classic Lites 30-lapper.

Todd Patnode and Kimmy Rivet led the Mod Squad to the stripe as the night's 40-lap feature went green. Patnode, the speedway's reigning Modified champion, was gunning to turn a nightmare 2020 campaign around as the pandemic-shortened season hit its halfway mark.

With Patnode jumping all over the opening lead, Rivet and Cameron Houle, and then Keith Car-

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Chris Buffone, a resident of Belchertown, wins the Street Stock event last weekend.  
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## AWARD

### Slzats scholarships awarded



Gabrielle Gauvin of Ludlow and Davianna Perez of Chicopee take the ceremonial opening tip-off from Roy LaPlante, organizer of the Szlats Memorial Tournament held in Chicopee each year. It has brought youth girls basketball teams from all over the area together for 26 years. It was one of the last sporting events held before the pandemic started and action was cut off after just one day. LaPlante said he hopes to have the tournament next year, but it will not be rescheduled this year. While money was refunded back to team because there was only a day of action, several teams donated their funds back to Szlats for the scholarships, which went to Averie Gatzounas, Julianne Beaulieu, Caroline Pycko, and Kass Guerrero, all Chicopee students. PHOTO BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHTOTOS.COM

# Sports

## RACING | from page 7

zello, battled fast and furious for the deuce spot while, charging hard from his row six starting slot, points leader and two-time winner Brian Robie was on the hunt.

Rocketing up to fourth on lap 18, Robie took third from Rivet on lap 22, second from Houle two go-rounds later, and pulled up to Patnode's bumper on lap 30. Taking the lead on his 32nd trip around the high banks, Robie then sped off to victory a half-dozen lengths ahead of Patnode.

Houle earned his first trophy finish of the summer in third, a whisker ahead of three-time winner Ben Byrne. Matt Kimball took the checkers in fifth. Byrne and Trevor Bleau, second and third in the points race, both lost valuable ground to Robie in the division's seventh event of the season.

In the GSPSS 100-lapper, second-generation Maine star D.J. Shaw pulled alongside fast-timer Devin O'Connell on lap 14, took sole possession of the top spot two laps later, and then never looked back as he easily scored his first series win of the summer.

Two-time 2020 series winner Angelo Belsito was second, with fellow two-time and current points leader Ray Christian III third. O'Connell finished his hard night's work in fourth, while number two points man Joey Polewarczyk fell off the pace on lap 98 while running fourth.

In the Late Model Sportsman 25-lapper it was, who else, Aaron Fellows again, winning for the seventh straight week to stay undefeated this summer with a dozen overall wins against zero losses.

For the second week in a row, Cole Littlewood was the deuce man, watching Fellows inch past him as lap 21 went in the books and then speed away. Number two point man Robert Hagar came home third, just ahead of teen speedster Camdyn Curtis.

Street Stock points leader Jaret Curtis spun in a cloud of tire smoke before lap one



Brian Robie topped the field in the modified race. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

of the Streeter's feature race had been completed, having to refire from 15th as his 25-lap journey began again.

Rookie Tim Wenzel led the first two go-rounds, with Belchertown Bullet Chris Buffone then taking over. While Buffone would lead the rest of the way to score his first Street Stock victory, the racing throughout the pack was action-packed and turbulent most of the way.

Chase Curtis claimed second early and tried high and low to find a way to the point while, riding at Curtis's bumper and sometimes against it, Buffone's uncle, Tommy O'Sullivan, completed the nose-to-tail top three.

Jaret Curtis got up for fourth with one to go to stay just ahead of his twin brother in the points parade, while Wenzel's strong run netted him the five spot. Buffone was the sixth different Street Stock feature winner this summer at the high-banked speed-

plant.

Ed Gilman wired the 30-lap Classic Lites feature, but while the Sandown, N.H. pilot had a fairly easy ride, the action behind him was fast and furious. Eric Skofield grabbed



Aaron Fellows won another late model race.

second on lap 13 and then chased Gilman the rest of the way, while four-time defending series champ Duane Skofield made a late-race charge to earn the third-place hardware.

Next Saturday, August 8, Monadnock Speedway returns to action with five exciting divisions of weekly racing series action, along with the visiting Granite State Legends and Pro-4 Modified series. For more information, please visit [www.monadnock-speedway.com](http://www.monadnock-speedway.com).

**STREET STOCKS:** Chris Buffone, Chase Curtis, Tommy O'Sullivan, Jaret Curtis, Tim Wenzel, Mike Hopkins, Hillary Renaud, Robbie Streeter, Jason Kozacka, Kenny Thompson, Bryan Granger, Paul Barnard, Chris Riendeau, Nathan Wenzel, Ed Brehio

**LATE MODEL SPORTSMAN:** Aaron Fellows, Cole Littlewood, Robert Hagar, Camdyn Curtis, Justin Littlewood, Hayden Scott, Willie Kuhn, Scott Beck, Nancy Munni-Ruot

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## Raised COVID-19 concerns cancel Thompson practice, race

THOMPSON, Conn. — Due to mounting concerns over the health and economic effects of COVID-19, Econn Motorsports announced today they are not moving forward with the traditional Bud 150 which had been scheduled for August 19th at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park. An open practice previously scheduled for August 5th has also been canceled. The recent outbreaks of COVID-19 cases associated with professional sporting

events was chief among the reasons for the decision.

"We had initially thought that the virus would be of minimal concern by now, but the numbers are still very concerning", said Terry Eames of Econn Motorsports. "We remain committed to keeping oval track racing alive at Thompson and will continue to work with the Hoenig family about the possibility of events later in the year."

**HOLYOKE** — The Holyoke Parks and Recreation Department in conjunction with the John Murphy Youth Baseball League will be conducting baseball clinics. To sign up for the clinic, please contact Coach Terry Murphy at [tmurphy1hcc@comcast.net](mailto:tmurphy1hcc@comcast.net).

Clinics will follow all of the board of health requirements regarding masks, spacing and cleaning of equipment. Players with their own bats and helmets or catcher's gear are encouraged to bring to the clinic.

### Potential Baseball Clinics Schedule

All clinics to take place at Mackenzie Field

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- Wednesday, August 5, 5:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. (age group 7-10)
- Thursday, August 6, 5:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. (age group 14-17)
- Monday, August 10, 10 a.m. to 12 noon (age group 11-13)
- Wednesday, August 12, 10 a.m. - 12 noon (age group 7-10)
- Wednesday, August 12, 5:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. (age group 14-17)
- Thursday, August 13, 5:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. (age group 11-13)
- Monday, August 17, 10 a.m. - 12 noon (age group 7-10)
- Wednesday, August 19, 10 a.m. - 12 noon (age group 11-13)
- Wednesday, August 19, 5:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. (age group 14-17)
- Thursday, August 20, 5:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. (age group 7-10)
- Wednesday, August 26, 10 a.m. - 12 noon (age group 14-17)
- Wednesday, August 26, 5:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. (age group 11-13)

Clinics will be run by former Holyoke Community College baseball coach Terry Murphy. He will be assisted by Bob Pratico, former Holyoke Catholic coach, Mike Afflitto, Smith Academy coach, and Mike Pratico, Amherst High School coach. Added to the coaching staff is Dioni Soriano Bello, a former player in Japan and Latin America. They will also be assisted by several former high school players as well. A trainer will also be on hand for each session!

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The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a remote public hearing due to the COVID19 pandemic on Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 6:15 PM online via Zoom. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the Notice of Intent of General Construction and Environmental, Inc. for work to be performed (residential development) on 358 Corey Street (Pond View Hollow Village), subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. Interested parties can contact the Conservation Commission at pkerr@agawam.ma.us for more information, to provide written comments prior to the meeting or attend via the following:

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The Agawam Historical Commission will be holding a public hearing at **7:00 PM on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, via Zoom**. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to review the application for a Demolition Permit for the building at 430 – 432 South Westfield Street which comes under the Town of Agawam's Demolition Delay Ordinance.

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Also Known As:

**DORIS A. BERARD**  
Date of Death:

**June 19, 2020**

**INFORMAL PROBATE**  
**PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Richard J. Berard** of **Agawam MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Richard J. Berard** of **Agawam MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of

the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

8/06/2020

**Commonwealth of**  
**Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court**

**Hampden Probate and**  
**Family Court**

**50 State Street**  
**Springfield, MA 01103**  
**(413)748-7758**

**Docket No. HD20P1265EA**  
**Estate of:**

**Albert Bernard Cawley**

**Date of Death: 06/28/2020**

**Albert B Cawley**  
**CITATION ON**  
**PETITION FOR**

**FORMAL**  
**ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Denise Rock** of Springfield, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Denise Rock** of Springfield, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/28/2020**.

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**WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: July 27, 2020

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Date: July 31, 2020

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**Docket No. HD20P1214EA**

**Estate of: Susan A Mirski**

**Date of Death: 11/28/2013**

**CITATION ON**  
**PETITION FOR**  
**FORMAL**  
**ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Michael A Mirski** of Feeding Hills, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Michael A Mirski** of Feeding Hills, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

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**Docket No. HD15P0737PM**

**In the matter of:**

**Louise Mae Ciak**

**Of: Agawam, MA**

**Protected Person/**

**Disabled Person/**

**Respondent**

**CITATION GIVING**

**NOTICE OF**

**CONSERVATOR'S**

**ACCOUNT**

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You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before **10:00 a.m. on the return date of 08/20/2020**.

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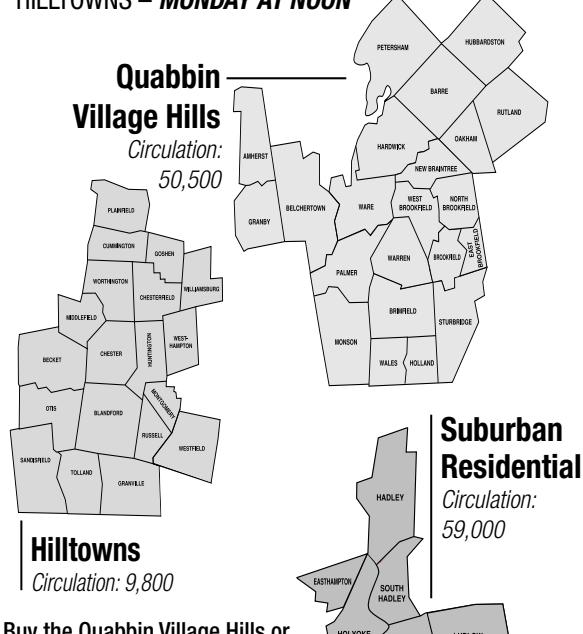
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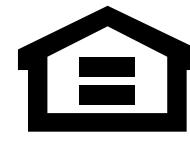
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**Docket No. HD20P1217EA**

**Estate of:**  
Marianne A St. Andre  
Also known as:  
Marianne St. Andre  
Date of Death: 06/19/2020  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

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Date: July 27, 2020

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08/06/2020

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**Docket No. HD20P1249EA**

**Estate of:**  
Margaret Keeley Stapleton

**Date of Death:**  
1/26/20

**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Thomas J Stapleton** of Southwick MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Thomas J Stapleton** of Southwick MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without**

Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 8/06/2020

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From left; Nicole Minnette, Steve Teixeira and their dog Tipsy enjoy the SummerFest concert.



From left; Sharon House, Ashton Newell, and Angie Forward watch the SummerFest Concert on July 29.



From left; Donald Jerold, Bob Fortuna, Elaine Fortuna, and Denise Mason enjoy the SummerFest concert.



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